FISCAL NOTE

SB 2632 - HB 3295

March 6, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires all county health departments with existing dental resources treat indigent children and adults who come to the department with dental emergencies.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$1,085,800/One-Time \$10,681,800/Recurring

Assumptions:

- Currently, the Department of Health has 53 dental clinics in 52 rural counties. Operations vary from one to five days per week and are staffed by 14 full-time dentists and 26 part-time dentists. The Department estimates the need for an additional 46 dentists and 46 dental assistants resulting in an increase in expenditures of \$8,781,077 to implement the provisions of the bill in the rural health departments.
- The \$8,781,077 includes one-time expenditures of \$248,400 for office set-up and recurring expenditures of \$8,532,677 for salaries (\$5,488,260), benefits (\$1,885,217), administrative allocation (\$726,800), office leases (\$377,200), and supplies (\$55,200).
- The Department contracts services for Davidson County and estimates that the increase in recurring expenditures to implement the provisions of this bill will be \$2,149,100.
- The Department estimates an increase in one-time expenditures of \$837,400 for dental equipment for the rural clinics and Davidson County.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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